

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. 2021-192-E ORDER NO. 2021-101-H

JULY 19, 2021

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Dominion Energy South Carolina Incorporated Coal Retirement Docket Opened Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2021-418

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Petition to Intervene of CMC Steel South Carolina

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of CMC Steel South Carolina ("CMC Steel"). No objections to the Petition to Intervene have been filed.

Under Commission regulation, the Commission must determine whether or not the petitioning party has clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the SC Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;**
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;**
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.**

CMC asserts that it owns and operates a steel manufacturing facility in Cayce, South Carolina, and that this facility utilizes an electric arc furnace ("EAF") to melt and recycle steel. According to CMC Steel, this process requires it to purchase very large quantities of electricity from Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("Dominion") at a cost of millions of dollars per year. Because the cost of electricity is one of the major costs of steel-making utilizing an EAF, CMC Steel asserts that the cost of electricity directly affects CMC's ability to produce steel at a competitive price. CMC is one of the largest retail customers of Dominion.

Due to the magnitude and unique characteristics of its load, CMC believes that it cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. At this stage of the proceeding, CMC has not fully determined what positions it may take.

Pursuant to these facts, this Hearing Officer holds that CMC Steel South Carolina has successfully satisfied the criteria for intervention stated in the Commission Regulation. Its interest in this matter can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention. It has not determined what position it will take, but at this early stage of the proceedings, no party would be prejudiced.

As previously noted, there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of CMC Steel South Carolina is hereby granted. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.